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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed October 23, 2006, Applicant responds as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.